

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3122
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FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any comprehensive proposal in the Tenth Plan from Government of West Bengal to manage the flood situation, river erosion and embankment expansion programme in the districts of Murshidabad, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Cooch-Bihar and Jalpaiguri due to devastating floods arising out of Ganga, Fulhar, Nagar, Mahananda, Suy, Jaldhaka, Teesta, Tosha, Monsai, Atrayee, Punarbhav, Tangua Rivers in North Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any initiative with Government of West Bengal to draw a comprehensive flood management programme to save North Bengal in the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However the Government of West Bengal had submitted a perspective plan to the Working Group on Flood Control Programme for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) which was constituted by the Planning Commission to formulate the Tenth Five Year Plan. An outlay of Rs.1300 crore was proposed by West Bengal for Tenth Plan for implementation of embankment schemes, anti erosion schemes and drainage schemes etc. in the State against which the Working Group recommended an outlay of Rs. 1000 crore. The final decision in this regard is to be taken by the Planning Commission.

(c) & (d) Flood Management being a State subject, preparation/drawing up of the comprehensive flood management programme to save North Bengal in the Tenth Plan is the responsibility of the Government of West Bengal. The Government of India renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.